

METRO MAP

Metrorail System Map



Washington's ten-year-old subway system, called Metrorail or just Metro, has four principal lines, Red, Orange, Blue and Yellow, with a Green Line planned. These radiate out from downtown Washington deep into Maryland and Virginia. When complete, the rail system will have 101 miles of track.

The subway operates 6 am-midnight Monday-Friday; 8 am-midnight on Saturday; 10 am-midnight on Sunday. Each station has a color-coded map listing fares and travel times for each destination. If you are in doubt about your route or fare, ask the station attendant in the kiosk for help or call Metro ahead of time at 637-7000 (TDD 638-3780).

GETTING AROUND THE CITY



Sleek, fast and efficient, Metrorail has revitalized travel in the greater metropolitan area.

For a world-class city, Washington is remarkably easy to get around. The sleek Metrorail system is state-of-the-art and safe. Buses reach into areas where Metrorail doesn't. Cabs are plentiful and reasonably priced.

But if you are driving on your own, it's best to understand Washington's underlying grid system. Despite initial appearances, it does make sense.

Washington is divided into four quadrants: Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest. Every street address is therefore followed by the all-important NE, NW, SE or SW. The Capitol serves as center of the grid.

Streets running north-south are numbered up to the 50s. East-west streets (parallel to the Mall) are lettered (but you'll find no J, X, Y or Z). Where the letters end, two-syllable names begin in alphabetical order (Adams, Bryant, Channing, etc.). Next come three-syllable names (Albemarle, Brandywine, Chesapeake, etc.).

Thoroughfares that cut diagonally through the city are designated avenues and named for states. Where avenues intersect streets, you'll see Washington's famous—and occasionally treacherous—traffic circles and squares.

Street numbers should help you

pinpoint an address. The White House (1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW) is at 16th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. For lettered streets, figure one block per letter of the alphabet. Thus, K Street is 10 blocks from A Street and 1000 15th Street NW is the intersection of K and 15th streets NW.

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Washingtonians are justifiably proud of their Metro subway system. Opened in 1976, Metro offers a fast, easy way to get around town.

Metro stations are marked by bronze pillars topped with the letter M and with